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Applicants:	John LACOMBE et al.	\$	Confirmation No.:	9110
Serial No.:	09/870,965	\$	Group Art Unit:	2116
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For:	An Application-Level Software Watchdog Timer	\$	Docket No.:	200301692-1

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 12, 2004**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: September 21, 2004

**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office action of July 12, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.